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Cancel claim 1. Amend claims 2 and 5 to make them depend from claim 9.

Add new claim 9.

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Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended) The structural wall of claim 9, wherein the side walls of the upper channel member each include a plurality of ~~spaced apart~~ dimples spaced apart lengthwise of the side walls, each dimple representing a location that may be selected to receive a screw fastener that is used to connect the side wall of the upper channel member to the upper end portion of said stud.

Claim 3 (original) The structural wall of claim 2, where in the dimples on each side wall of the upper channel member are in alignment crosswise of the structural wall with a corresponding dimple on the other side wall of the upper channel member.

Claim 4 (original) The structural wall of claim 2, wherein the screw fastener has a self-tapping pointed end at its end opposite its head, said self-tapping end being adapted to bore a hole through the base of an selected dimple in response to the screw being rotated while the pointed end is in the dimple.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The structural wall of claim 9, further comprising an upwardly opening, sheet-metal, lower channel member having spaced apart side walls defining a lower channel space between them and said sheet-metal stud including a lower end portion that is within the lower channel space and is connected to the lower channel member.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The structural wall of claim 5, wherein the side walls of the upper channel member each include a plurality of ~~spaced apart~~ dimples space apart lengthwise of the sidewalls, each dimple representing a

location that may be selected to receive a screw fastener that is used to connect the side walls of the upper channel member to the upper end portion of said stud.

Claim 7 (original) The structural wall of claim 6, wherein the dimples of each side wall of the upper channel member are in alignment crosswise of the structural wall with a corresponding dimple of the other side of the upper channel member.

Claim 8 (original) The structural wall of claim 6, wherein the screw fastener has a self-tapping pointed end at its end opposite its head, said self-tapping end being adapted to bore a hole through the base of the selected dimple in response to the screw being rotated while pointed end is in the dimple.

Claim 9 (new) A structural wall, comprising:

an elongated, downwardly opening, sheet-metal, upper channel member having spaced apart sidewalls defining an upper channel space between them;

an elongated sheet-metal stud, including an upper end portion within the upper channel space and including spaced-apart sidewalls that are contiguous the sidewalls of the upper channel member;

wherein at least one side wall of the upper channel member includes a screw opening and an adjacent side wall of the upper end portion of the stud includes a longitudinal slot;

a screw having a head outwardly of said opening in said sidewall of the upper channel member contiguous the sidewall of the upper channel member, an unthreaded shank portion within said opening in the side wall of the upper channel member and within the longitudinal slot in the side wall of the upper end

portion of the stud, and a threaded portion connected to the unthreaded portion of the screw;

wherein the threaded portion of the screw includes an end thread contiguous the slot, said end thread being wider than the slot so that it will contact the stud on opposite sides of the slot and the screw will be prevented by such contact from moving axially outwardly through the slot;

wherein the non threaded portion of the shank is narrower than said slot;

wherein the screw is free of connection with the upper end portion of said stud;

wherein said slot is long enough to permit vertical movement of the stud relative of the screw and the upper channel member; and

wherein the stud can move up and down relative to the screw and the upper channel member.